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BEN BUTLER will soon issue his book wherein he promises to divulge the real racial policy of the Democrats in the strutting times during and after the war, and is familiar with the secrets and motives of many prominent men who figured conspicuously in the political arena, and no doubt his book will be quite interesting.

THE THEFT CONSUMED.

By a Strict Party Vote the Republican Candidates From Montana are Seated.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Senate yesterday summarily disposed of the Montana election case by voting 52 yeas and 40 nays, and also of the Montana election case by seating the Republican claimants, Messrs. Sanders and Powers.

The Montana election case was resumed and Mr. Kenna recalled a remark of Mr. Sherman when the admission of Mr. Mahone as a Senator from Virginia was before the Senate. He said that "anything that will beat down that party and build up our own is justifiable in morals and in law," and reminded the Senators that when they voted Montana, the youngest maid in the sisterhood of States, and before maturity, they did it under the damning and denigrating pretext that "anything that will beat down that party and build up our own is justifiable in morals and in law."

The resolutions declaring Sanders and Powers "entitled, upon the merits of the case," to seats in the Senate for a strict party vote were agreed to by a strict party vote—yeas 52, nays 40.

Messrs. Sanders and Powers were immediately escorted to the Clerk's desk by Senators Hoar and Washburn, the oath of office was administered to them by the Vice-president, and after a brief executive session the Senate adjourned until to-day.

THE REV. E. R. HARRISON Dies of Fractured Typhoid Pneumonia.

FRANKLIN, Ky., April 16.—Rev. E. R. Harrison, Presiding Elder of the Bowling Green conference district, died at his home in this place yesterday morning, of typhoid pneumonia. His remains will be interred here to-day. Dr. Cottrell and other distinguished divines throughout the district will conduct the services.

The Rev. Harrison was greatly beloved for his manly and noble character, and will be sadly missed. He leaves a wife and two children.

Sinking Forks Items.

SINKING FORK, Ky., April 15.—Miss Irene Hiler, of this vicinity, was visiting the Misses Wood of the Bellevue community, last Sunday. The merchants of town are doing a thriving business considering the scarcity of money.

Mr. McCrae, our village blacksmith, is now leading a bachelor life. This is a good chance to miss.

Rev. J. W. Spurlin is visiting his daughter in Trigg county.

Moore & Kirby have rebuilt the Owens mill, which was blown down by the storm recently, and are now prepared to do all kinds of sawing and grinding.

Mr. George Duiguld finished plowing last Saturday. Mr. F. M. Stevens has planted 25 acres.

Mr. C. T. Yancey, J. T. Johnson, J. A. Boyd, J. M. Renshaw, J. R. Penick, J. W. McGaughey, M. B. King, B. A. Sear, M. D. Davis, G. W. Winfree, W. F. Winfree. Total 11.

THE MODERN PRIESTHOOD.

Is it true that history repeats itself and that each revolving cycle is but a repetition of one that has gone before? The views of the virtuous, the elevation and degradation of the which mankind rise and fall are governed and controlled by certain well defined laws, and that the same cause will produce the same effect upon all classes and conditions of mankind, irrespective of the height of civilization to which it may rise?

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FORCED TO ASSIGN.

The Merchants' and Traders' Produce Exchange Closed.

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Losses That Aggregate Half a Million Dollars Within the Past Sixty Days.

(Nashville American.)

The session of the streets Monday was the assignment of the Merchants' and Traders' Produce Exchange, doing business at No. 208 North College street. The bill of assignment was filed with the register a little before noon.

The members of the firm are B. Lanier, Hugh McCrea, A. R. Duncan and John Reese; this was assigned to the assignee, J. L. Granbery is named as the assignee.

The exchange of "bucket shop" was by odds the largest of its kind in the South, and was one of the main features of the business. It did a big business at the central place of business here and besides had correspondents at the following cities, who take orders for them: Rome, Ga., Chattanooga, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., Columbus, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., Huntsville, Ala., Knoxville, Tenn., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La.

It has so far been impossible to get a correct estimate of assets and liabilities on account of the magnitude of the business of the firm, but it is estimated roughly that the liabilities are about \$100,000, and that the assets will nearly if not quite pay this indebtedness.

The exchange was trading yesterday morning till 9:30 o'clock, when the failure was announced and transactions stopped. The announcement was made that business had been continued because it was necessary to keep the failure a secret for a few hours, and all money was refunded to those who had placed it.

All the members of the firm signed the bill of assignment except Mr. McCrea, who is in Australia traveling for the firm. The assignee, J. L. Granbery, is a man of high standing in the community, and after a brief executive session the Senate adjourned until to-day.

Mr. Granbery, the assignee, said yesterday afternoon that he would proceed to take care of the business of the firm, but that he would not be able to do so definitely until the assets and liabilities were till the latter part of the week. In the meantime he will take care of the assets and liabilities of the firm, and will be able to do so definitely until the latter part of the week.

A partial list of assets, as given in the bill of assignment, amounts to \$55,310.47, consisting of notes and accounts receivable, and other assets. The liabilities are estimated at \$100,000, and the difference is made up by the assets of the firm.

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The House Committee on Appropriations Adds Its Tribute to the Worth of the Deceased Statesman.

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During all the years which he served as representative and as a member of this committee, the memorial goes on to say, "never for one moment was there the slightest suspicion that he was in any way connected with any job. Absolutely pure in his personal and pecuniary relations, he could afford to do many things and to subject himself to opposition which otherwise would have been impossible. He and all the world around him were invulnerable to any personal attack."

"Intensely partisan as he was in his nature, his convictions and his hopes, he never permitted any differences of political opinions to invade the personal relations which he bore his colleagues on this committee, nor to color his sense of justice to those with whom he served."

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